sumption and production of finished steel in the country during the last 4 years was as under:

(Qty. in Million Tonnes)

Year	Apparent consumption	Production
1992-93	15.00	15.20
1993-94	15.32	15.20
1994-95	18.66	17.82
1995-96	21.65	21.40

(c) Export of steel and its destination depend on several factors such as domestic and international demand, domestic prices, steel prices in importing countries etc. These factors are usually dynamic and change frequently. Countries to which steel is exported from India include China, Japan, USA, Korea, Taiwan, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Australia and Germany.

Export of free sale sugar during 1995-96

2210. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had decided to allow the export of free sale sugar during 1995-96;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) its impact on the price of sugar in the country?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) to (c) In view of the surplus availability of sugar, Government, during the financial year 1995-96, had notified a quantity of 6.50 lakh tonnes of sugar out of freesale portion for commercial exports, through M/s. Indian Sugar and General Industry Export Import Corporation Ltd., under the provisions of Sugar Export Promotion Act, 1958. Since export of sugar was undertaken out of surplus sugar available in the country, it has not had any appreciable impact on the price of sugar in the country. Further, sugar prices in the open market are regulated through the mechanism of monthly releases of sugar.

Disbursal of financial assistance by KVIC

2211. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any formula for disbursal of financial assistance by KVIC for different States;

(b) if so, the details of the formula; and

(c) the funds spent State-wise in 1994-95 and 1995-96 giving detailed information on Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Lockout in M/s. Mafatlal Engineering Industry

2212. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present status of the plan of M/s. Mafatlal Engineering Industries Ltd. at Kalwe, Thane, Maharashtra which is under lockout since May, 1989;

(b) whether Government have taken any action to re-open or revive the said unit;

(c) whether any proposal has been put forward by the employees of the said unit to run it as a co-operative organisation;

(d) what are the impediments being faced in re-opening the said Unit as on date;

(e) whether the management of the said unit moved any petition before any authority to declare it as a sick unit; and

(f) if so, the response from the said authority?